

1 3. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 17, wherein the
2 disinfectant organic dye is selected from the group consisting of methylene blue, crystal
3 violet, and mixtures thereof.

B² 1 4. (Once Amended) A method for extending the life of a platelet
2 concentrate and preventing the multiplication of bacteria therein comprising the step of
3 adding between 1 and 15% by weight of citric acid and or salts of citric acid to the platelet
4 concentrate, wherein essentially no psoralen is present.

5 5. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 4, further comprising the
6 step of removing the citric acid and or salts of citric acid.

1 7. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 4 further comprising the
2 step of adding an antimicrobial agent is selected from the group consisting of antibiotics,
3 povidone iodine, iodine, polyphenols of plant origin, and disinfectant organic dyes.

B³ 1 8. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the disinfectant
2 organic dyes are selected from the group consisting of methylene blue, crystal violet, and
3 mixtures thereof.

1 9. (Once Amended) A method for disinfecting solutions containing
2 red blood cells comprising the step of adding between 1 and 15% by weight of citric acid and
3 or salts of citric acid to the solution, wherein essentially no psoralen is present.

B3 1 10. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 9, further comprising the
2 step of removing the citric acid and or salts of citric acid.

B4 1 13. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein the
2 disinfectant organic dyes are selected from the group consisting of methylene blue, crystal
3 violet, and mixtures thereof.

Please enter the following newly drafted Claims 17-25:

1 17. A method for enhancing the antimicrobial effectiveness of a
2 disinfectant organic dye comprising the step of combining the disinfectant organic dye with at
3 least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid, wherein exposure to light is not
4 required.

B5 1 18. A method for enhancing the antimicrobial effectiveness of a polyphenol
2 of plant origin comprising the step of combining the polyphenol of plant origin with at least
3 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid.

1 19. A method for enhancing the antimicrobial effectiveness of iodine
2 comprising the step of combining the iodine with at least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts
3 of citric acid, wherein essentially no iodophor is used.

1 20. A method for enhancing the antimicrobial effectiveness of iodine and
2 an iodophor comprising the step of combining the iodine and iodophor with at least 1% by
3 weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid, wherein essentially no oxidizing substance except
4 iodine is used.

1 21. A topical antimicrobial composition comprising iodine combined with
2 at least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid and consisting essentially of no
3 iodophor.

1 22. A topical antimicrobial composition comprising iodine and an iodophor
2 combined with at least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid, wherein essentially
3 no oxidizing substance except iodine is used.

1 23. A topical antimicrobial composition comprising a disinfectant organic
2 dye combined with at least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid, wherein
3 exposure to light is not required for effectiveness.

1 24. A topical antimicrobial composition comprising a polyphenol of plant
2 origin combined with at least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid.

1 25. A topical antimicrobial composition comprising an antibiotic combined
2 with at least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid.